Rec^d March 11th
Ans March 20th

Cambridge 27. Febr. 1846.

My Dear Doctor.

The long expected parcel from Hooker reached me a few days ago. I went immediately to the thermometer maker to see if Mr. Kimm had been there, — found he had, and had gone on to NewYork, so it is too late to get the parcel for you into his hands, I fear.

There is for you a bundle, doubtless the Cuscutae of Herb. Hook., and a quantity of numbers of London Journal of Botany. I think the quickest and safest way to send them is the following. I have next week to send a large parcel to Mr. Sullivant. Columbus, Ohio by Express. I will add your parcel to it, and Mr. Sullivant can immediately send it to any person in Cincinnati you will appoint to receive it & forward to St. Louis. Give particular instructions that it shall be kept dry, on its way down the river. It would be a great pity to have it hurt.

I have 2 letters of yours before me, the last is Jany. 4.

There is no suppl. to Endlicher after the 3rd vol.

I had forgotten your request about the Fishes. I will apply to the Nat. Hist. Society at once. for you. — ~~At~~ The American

Rec.d March 11th

Academy are now printing Storer's complete account of the fishes of N. America. I will try to have the sheets sent you, even in the parcel next week.

Corrections of errors &c. in Pl. Lindh. should be left till we publish another article. You have a list of corrections ready.

Nicolletia is a very interesting & remarkably distinct genus. By the way I want to use some biographical materials of Nicollet, in a matter or two. Where has anything been published beyond what is in his Report.— Can you furnish any biographical data of him?

Don't know the little grass in your Jan.y letter.— no time to examine it now.

Thermometers attended to, I hope properly, I trust Dr. W. will collect plants well.

The 'new Grindelia' you speak of in Fremont's coll. is if I recollect Nuttall's Prionopsis, the *Donia ciliata* formerly.

Kunth's work is very poor in Grasses— rather better in Cyperaceæ.

It will be best not to draw on me in behalf of Lindheimer until something comes, —either seeds or live plants, from him, —so as more to satisfy Mr. Lowell that he may be depended on. If he takes hold with real spirit, he will find an able helper in Mr. Lowell, who begins to take hold of Botany with great spirit. He is going to form an herbarium.— If you choose to furnish him with a set of Western plants he would be glad to have them, either by direct purchase — or send you any books you want.

I am now making preparations to take up the Flora again, and to stick to it *till done*.

Yours in much haste,

A. Gray.

Send me the new Lindheimer plants as soon as you get them, — and *stir him up*. Can't you send a collector to Santa Fe?

Do you hear from Lüders?

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St. Louis,
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Dr. Engelmann

2-27-46.
Gray

I am puzzled about Bumelia oblongifolia ?

What species do you find around St. Louis. Is there a smooth one, same as B. lycioides, and also one with leaves woolly beneath?

A.G.

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is Rutersville? Know that it is situated very near
the intersection of the 30th parallel of N Lat. and the 20th
Merid. W Long. from Washington in the County of Fayette
about 6 miles from La Grange the seat of justice of
sd County and about 6 miles in a straight line from
the Colorado Know further that in it is located a
College of which your unworthy correspond

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I have found a Cuscuta in one locality very much larger than the Americana like it leafless parasitic flowers larger mostly in pairs segments of Calyx and Corolla obtuse scales at the base of the cor. within bipartite stem or vine exuding a glutinous matter when bruised ~~stamens~~ anthers nearly sessile flowers white stem dark red which if not named might be called viscosa

Chas. Wright. Rutersville Texas.

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Rec= April 18th
Ans April 28

Cambridge. April 8th 1846

My Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th March is before me.

The Index to Storer's Fishes is nearly printed. I shall have a copy for you from Dr Storer. Dr Gould told me he was not sure that he could find for you copies of Kirtland's papers on Western fishes. He says K. was furnished with extra copies. Perhaps you can get them of him. If not, I will try to procure for you the nos. of the Journal. Have you a copy of Michaux, flora Bor.-Am.? I bought a duplicate the other day, for $3. – which is at your service if you have not the work. I will ask Storer and Gould about the fishes you speak of. I have no doubt the Society will gladly send their Journal in exchange for such.

Lay aside, if you please, good specimens of any Western plants for Mr. Lowell. I have a plan for a return on Mr. L's part which I will soon explain in this letter. Hooker's letter

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means that he has ~~sent~~ sold also the 3 sets I sent him. As to the Enumeration, I did not send copies when the parcels were sent, for it ~~they~~ were not yet printed; but I did send to the English & French Subscribers & to Hooker himself (who has acknowledged them) the Enum., as soon as it was printed! and have scattered it elsewhere as well as I could. —

Cleaveland writes asking for his promised parcel of Lindheimer plants.

Saml. T. Carey. no 90. Pine St. New York wishes to share in the new distribution of Lindheimer plants.— What is Lindheimer about? Why is not his last years collection yet with you?— We have just got things going, and we can sell 50 sets right off of his further collections.— and he can go on and realize a handsome sum of money, if he will only work now! And he will connect his name ever with the Texan Flora!

I am at Flora again, and hope to do great things this year. — Shall work hard & constantly.

Besides I am going by the aid of my young & excellent artist, Sprague's, drawings & Prestele to engrave cheaply & neatly on Stone — to commence a Genera Illustrata of the U.S. — like T. Nees v. Esenbeck's, Genera Germanica iconibus illustrata. — the plates to be equally good & quite cheap too. — The first volume — 100 plates — going on regularly from Ranunculaceæ, will be preparing this summer, and will be out in the fall.

Mr. Lowell has subscribed for two or three copies. — He will send one to you if you say so. —

Can you send me in a letter some good freshly dried flowers of Myosurus of the West, to use for analysis.

Perhaps I shall hereafter ask you for others. I should like now to have ~~Engelmann's~~ Lindheimer's new collections as soon as possible.

Yours truly & cordially

A Gray

Geo. Engelman, M. D.
St. Louis
Missouri

Recd June 11th
Ans June 25th

Cambridge
May 30. 1846.

Dear Doctor.

Yours of the 19th has just come.— I have a former letter of yours unanswered, waiting for your parcel or box it announced,—which has not come yet.—

I am concerned about the box from Lindheimer, which you say was sent about the end of March. It has therefore been two months on the way. He has not notified me of it, nor of the way it was sent, which is often quite necessary. I fear the contents will be spoiled. I think it inexpedient to draw upon Mr. Lowell till something comes, when I will do it. Lindheimer must do better, very much better, or I fear we shall have to look out for another collector to send into Texas. We ought now to be forming large collections of Texan plants, and now that the preliminary difficulties are overcome, we can sell promptly all the sets he can make. He must work this summer, in drying plants, and have a large collection in your hands (to eke out last years) in August.— and then make an autumnal collection beside.— At this season he can collect — as to live plants — only bulbs & seeds. I hope he will secure seeds of every thing. If he would only work and accomplish things, not only the sale of his plants would be lucrative, but also I should feel emboldened to ask for patronage for him here.— which now I must wait to see whether it is worth while.

As to Klotzsch, I wish you would tell him, when you write him.— (which I hope will be soon)— that I never had but one letter from him in my life, and that was the letter (which I forwarded you) containing descriptions of Engelmannia &c. in MSS.— written May 14. 1842.

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I feel quite sure this was acknowledg~~ed~~ It is the only letter I ever got from Berlin.— though I have written several— sent parcels, pamphlets, &c.— but never heard from them, and so had ceased to send there.

Tell Klotzsch how it is.— — that I had wished much to correspond with him.— that his letters must have miscarried— that I will most gladly correspond with him, if he desires it.— that Röding &c. are my agents at Hamburgh,— and that, if he will make his wishes known again to me, I will do my best for him.— Engelmannia, Torr. & Gray was published in Nuttall's memoir on Compositae— the 1st part.— published at the close of 1840,— the sheets were in my hands in October.— Endlicher has copied the other genera of the same date.— but this, not being drawn up in into the 'regular' form, he overlooked it.

Geyer will learn, perhaps, that honesty is the best policy.— Yet he sold all his plants I know, for though I applied early I could get only a very imperfect set indeed.— and the price was of the highest.— What more would he have?

Does he offer you any return for what he owes you?

You had best write to Lindheimer for me, enquiring after the box sent. & telling him, that we must have Texas explored & the plants collected. If he cannot do it, we can find some one who will.

I wait anxiously for the arrival of the box you sent. Then I will reply to yours of April 27th.

The line with Myosurus enclosed came duly, many thanks.—

— Have done some things at Flora— shall do much work this season after July 4th when college duties are over— Drawings for Genera are getting on well.— Yours, ever

A. Gray

I have just
got from abroad a fine
set of Coulter's old Californian
plants, in fine state — plants
same as Douglas's & Nuttall's mostly.
Hope Fremont has now got
something. — A.G.

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Recd June 18th
Ans June 25th
& July 3d

Cambridge. June 8th 1846.

Dear Doctor

I wrote you a few days ago — no news of your box, or of Lindheimer's since then — nor other intelligence.

One word now on another point. We must have a collector for plants live & dry to go to Santa Fe, with the Government Expedition. If I were not so tied up I would go myself. Have you not some good fellow you can send? We could probably get him attached somehow so as to have the protection of the army — and if need be I could raise here 200 dollars as an outfit. He could make it worth the while. He could collect 60 sets of 500 plants (besides seeds, & Cacti) very soon — which, named by us, would go off at once at $10. per hundred. — Somebody must go into this unexplored field! Let me know if you think anything can be done & I will set to work. The great thing is a proper man.

In haste
Yours ever
A. Gray

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Dr Geo. Engelmann

St. Louis

Missouri

Rec'd July 6th
Ans. Aug 2d

Cambridge, 26 June 1846.

My Dear Doctor

Your box of Seeds & Cacti, sent from St. Louis last April — arrived here, by Express from New York, just two days ago! The Cacti were mostly alive, — one M. ~~applanata~~ M. similis? in fruit dead, and perhaps one or two others. — The seeds I have sown immediately,

The enclosed box for Hooker goes to-day on board the Steamer for the 1st proximo. Your box of dried plants has not come yet. How would it do to publish our account of this last year's collection, tho' we do not distribute till another envoi comes.

I have not heard from Lindheimer's box from Texas direct. — and — it is now

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so late that there is no probability of anything in it reaching me alive.

Have you any one who can be sent to Santa Fe; — I think I could raise some outfit here.

In haste — the mail waits. Yours ever

A Gray

DC. prodr. 10 — has come.

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Recd. July 25th
Ans. Aug 2d

Cambridge. 15th July. 1846.

My Dear Doctor

I duly received your favor of June 25th. —
am delighted that you found a man to send to St. Fe
I approve your mode of carrying out the plan, and will not be
slow to aid in it. I wrote at once to Sullivant, telling him
to forward $50 for Fendler, — to take his pay in Mosses &
Hepaticæ, and to give instructions about collecting these, his great
favorites. Before this reaches you I am sure you will hear from
him. He is a capital fellow, and Fendler must be
taught to collect Mosses for him.
Then came your letter of July 3d. — All right. I im-
mediately wrote to Marcy — the Secy of War and to Col. Abert
the head of the Topographical Engineer corps. — asked for protection &
transportation. told the Secretary to send any thing he might be dis-
posed to do to you at St. Louis. I then enclosed your letter
to Mr. Lowell, and have just received it back again, with his
letter, which I enclose to you! Is it not handsome?
(The $3 is a matter between him and me) The $150 I remit
to you in a check from the Charles River Bank on a Boston
bank, to your order — which you can readily get cashed in St. Louis.
But I think I shall tell Mr. Lowell that a part of this
had better go to pay for the Lindheimer plants now on the way for
him. You spoke of these sets not being so good specimens as the
earlier sets, & that they might go at less price. At what price
shall I charge him? I have sent to New York for a set of the
Geyer Illinois plants. When they come I will have them given to Mr.
Lowell in your name. Now Fendler has money enough to
begin with. As soon as he is in the field, and shows by his first collec-
tions that he is deserving, I can get as much more money advanced
for him, from other parties. If he only makes as good and handsome
specimens as Lindheimer, all will be well. His collections should
commence when he crosses the Arkansas. — his first envoi
should be the plants between that and Santa Fe & be sent this
fall. — with seeds, Cacti & bulbs — the former of every kind he can
get. (These must be confined to yourself, Mr. Lowell & me, till we see what we
get, by raising them) Other live plants he had better not attempt now. —

P.S. Direct Fendler's attention to Grasses & Cyperaceae, — welcome plants, easy to make specimens largely.

His next collection must be at and around Santa Fe. But instruct him to get into high mountains, or as high as he can find, whenever he can. The mountains to the North of St. Fe — often rise to snow-line, and are perfectly full of new things! — But you can best judge what instructions to give him. We can sell just as many sets of plants as he will make good specimens of. But 40 sets is about as many as he ought to make.

As to Lindheimer, I have not got or heard of the box, — hope I shall not now, — for all must be dead. I can hardly believe that L. is industrious, or he would send more plants. Nous verrons. For many reasons, it will be best not to ask Mr. Lowell to remit for Lindheimer until we have something to show from him. It is said that a corps of troops is to be sent up through Texas towards New Spain. Lindheimer ought to go along, and so get high up into the country, where so much is new, — and the plants have really "no Latin names."

I will go at the collection as soon as your announced box comes, and soon let you know something about them. I have the monopetalous orders so well under way for the Flora that I can soon give some account of them. I have ordered Flora N. Amer. & Bot. Text Book. to be left at Poppe's for ~~you, in N.~~ Mr. Kinman to take at New York. Please accept them from me.

I shall now get Journal of Bost. Nat. Hist. Socy. to send by Kinman, — & Annals Lyc. Nat. History New York as soon as I can, — probably in time to send by Kinman.

Go ahead. — Let me hear from you how all goes on.

Yours very truly

A. Gray

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Recd July 25

Boston, July 15. 1846

Prof Gray

Dr Sir

I hand you herewith my check for $183. of which $3. is to pay for the Elementa & the rest for the advance for Fendler's expenses — I am pleased to have the opportunity of relieving yourself & Mr Engelmann from this tax.

With respect to the books which the latter expresses a wish for I will thank you to procure & present them to him in my name & he may repay me in plants &c at his convenience —

I return you his letter

I am
Yrs very truly
J A Lowell

We have moved down to Beverly, where we shall be glad to see you at any time —

you like to summer-time, and are perfectly full of new things!

Engelmann   August, 2d,

Your queer Solidago from Iron Mountain, Missouri —
"S. cinerea" = is merely S. bicolor!

"Solidago Radula?, nemoralis?. Porphyry hills", is merely S. Radula
the other S. nemoralis var.? = are S. nemoralis.

"Hypericum prolificum?" yes.
" H. — Shelving rocks Mining Region" = H. dolabriforme.
I suppose. —

There has come back from Bentham a specimen of "P. compactum" = P. tubaeflorus Nutt. — Mimulus reniformis — = M. Jamesii. — to be returned — I will include them in next parcel.

I have a duplicate copy of Meisner's old Monogr. gen Polygonum — which I will also send you with it —

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Have you a specimen of Pentstemon tubaeflorus for me. I have it not.

N.B. Notes to Lindh. Coll. 1845, included in this letter, were sent with Lindh's Catalogue 1845.

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N. Y. Lyceum &
Boston Journal 18
the Annals Lyceum
Lowell. $ 22,50. +

7,37 —

Send me 2 or 3
half-grown carpels of
Nelumbium – & some
ripe nuts – for dissection,
by mail.

Recd. Aug 20
Ans Sept 2d

Cambridge, August 12th 1846.

My Dear Doctor

Yours of August 2d reached me last evening.

Glad all is going on so well.

Your box by Express came duly, as Mr. Carey must ere this have informed you. — $10.00

Carey paid expenses on it — $3.13

~~$1.10~~ of which he assumed (Carey delivered Durand's parcel)

Left for me to pay him $6.87 + Cartage 31c = $7.18

Expenses from New York to me — .94

$8.12

Hooker's part was forwarded me imm'diately charges — .25

Charge on former parcel from Hooker — 1.00

$9.37

Now, by our advertisement the expenses must not be assessed on the Lindheimer parcels, but the ~~other~~ on other parcels expenses, I have divided — Lowell 50cts, Oakes. do myself 1.00 — 2.00

$7.37

Now I have, and am to, receive, and pay over to you — from Oakes $11.04

Cleaveland 10.08

(Recd) Carey 10.00

$31.12 — 7.37 = $23.75.

Mr. Lowell's sub. & also the Geyer plants of Illinois which I got from N. & P. and had charged to you, (10.56 × 6 = $10.56) this all goes as part returns from you for his advances &c —

Lowell asked me to get & send you the Journal Nat. Hist. Society of Boston, and the Annals N.Y. Lyceum & send bills to him. This I have done. — The Boston Journal 18 nos. — was sent through Kinnan from Boston. — the Annals Lyceum I had sent to Pöppig's at New York. Paid by Lowell. $22.50 + 12.31 = $34.81

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I saw Oakes a few days ago & delivered to him the parcels. He is always dilatory about writing. He wishes Fendler to collect Lichens especially for him. Will you instruct him. I trust Fendler will do well is now. All looks favorable. — Oakes stands ready to make advances if more should be needed. —

30,000 specimens from Lindheimer will do well. I hope you will have a full set selected and sent to me right away by Express, — & the 1845 coll. you who are now very much occupied, need only send such notes & information as you may have. — I will take the labor of their particular study, (except Cacti, Cuscuta &c) and get them into press right away. I will not write to Marcy till we learn that forces are gathering at St. Antonio for the Expedition. Send to Lindheimer a letter to the Commanding officer, explaining the scientific importance of his doings. As soon as I am sure it will be needed, I will apply to Marcy. L. will find no difficulty in getting with the Illinois corps. I will write to Durand to forward $10. to me, for his set of Lindheimer plants. —

I have sent the drawings of fishes to Storer, as you desired.

Cereus caespitosus of last year flowered here — also a plant called same of this year's sending, — but it had a flower twice as large. — 3-4 inches across when full spread!

I note what you say about mode of sowing seeds.

Has the new Corydalis pale yellow flowers? If so it is probably same as C. flavida, Raf. —

I am in correspondence with Kunze & will send him any Carices I have.

I will thank you to prepare a condensed account of the Cuscutae of this country for our "Flora." Make it comprehensive & brief, & I will insert it as yours. This will save me from the trouble of studying the genus myself. — You will arrange the synonomy & all.

I shall ask Durand to send you portions of any specⁿ in herb. Rafinesque.

I know nothing of Gambel since November, nor if he has returned.

Mr. Carey very willingly took charge of the boxes.

From the seeds sent as Pentstemon Murrayanum we raised P. Murrayanum, P. Cobaea & apparently a third which has not flowered yet.

I think I have told you that I want P. tubaeflorus, of which I have seen your specimen returned from Bentham.

I am hard at work at the Flora — &c. —

Yours ever
A. Gray

Rec. Sept 10th 1846 Cambridge

Dear Doctor

I send you the enclosed — which will show you that Lindheimer can go ahead if he will, with General Wool's party. I hope he will get it in time to overtake them, and collect on the Western frontiers of Texas. —

Have you yet received Lindheimer's last collection? Send on a set for me as soon as you can. I will study them. — I am hard at work at Flora &c. —

Yours ever —

A. Gray

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In Bot. Zeitung. p. 245. (1845)
Pfeiffer has made a 3d genus
Engelmannia on Cuscuta Hassica.
It is figured in Jan 7. 1846.—
Cuscuta is divided into 4 genera

viz. Cuscuta
Epilinella
Engelmannia
Lepidanche.

I have a copy of Storer's
Synopsis of N. American Fishes
for you. — from the author.

I have also 5 nos. of Hooker's Lond.
Journal of Botany for you — received
from London — up to April. — Will
send all to Poppe for you soon —

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Recd Oct 16th
Oct 18th

Cambridge, Oct. 8 1846.

My Dear Doctor

Yours of the 28th August first came—with the seeds of Nelumbium—thanks. Then your letter of Sept. 1st—3rd,—but the box via Wheeling did not arrive till yesterday,—I have waited for this before I answered.

I rapidly touch on the points of your letter.—

My Gramineae & Cyperaceae were published sets of specimens,—not a printed publicacation. That is the reason I can get none for you. I have none myself.— Knieskern promised to continue it, and has made large collections therefor. He will also be able I hope to supply sets of those formerly published.

By the way, meeting Agassiz last evening I was pleased to learn that he claimed you as a school mate, and spoke of you with lively pleasure. He is a fine pleasant fellow. We shall take good care of him here.—

I have never examined a Sparganium. Write out your discoveries about it.— The Amer. Academy has begun to print proceedings—a good place for little matters; there I will print all the short notices you may wish to publish from time to time.—and send you copies.—

Your "Asclepias glaberrima n. sp." is I think same as one Sullivant collected & studied 8 years ago — common near Columbus — He called it new, but I know not whether he gave it any name. — He has the fruit also — (I will return your specimen when the family is elaborated)

Now for the former parcels. — I was obliged to send to Hooker free of expense. — The reason why so large a portion of freight was left upon you was that — remembering that the sets of Lindh. Tex. plants were advertised to be delivered in Boston or New York free of expense, I thought that rule ought certainly to be followed in case of these later and less perfect sets. — They made the larger part of the box. Express freight is pretty high (Your small box from Wheeling $3.12).

I arrange the settlement different from you — keep your own account with Mr. Lowell — supplying him from time to time all the plants you can — he will continue to send you books, Genera Illustrata — etc. etc. Do not include in his account the Lindheimer plants distributed by me. ~~I owe you~~

~~I [illegible]~~

I have mislaid the copy of the mem. I furnished you with. But I owe you for Cleaveland's set $10.20 (He has paid me) For Oakes's (he has not yet paid) 11.04 Was there any thing more. Please tell me. — Also if I shall pay it in New York for you. — I go there in 2 weeks.

I run over the parcel of Lindheimer last collection. Very Interesting but not so large as I supposed. Will there be more this season. —

Now for publishing the enumeration. — Shall we begin with coll. for 1845 — with no. 319, & run right on — then the coll for 1846. If so I could go on and do it now soon. — and furnish you with the collocation of these numbers with those of Lindh. on the labels. — & so you might distribute them.

As to those plants which are same as in coll. already ~~the~~ distributed — being not very numerous, they had better go in to the sets, along with the others. — all good for new subscribers and for those who got imperfect sets before. (which are the greater part) — then some little deduction might be made on account of duplicates to those who had full sets ~~before~~. This will save trouble, and the subscribers get the plants so cheap — with names too, that they must not mind a few duplicates.

You must give me your determination and remarks on the Cuscutineae. and Cacteae — & in a note make the requisite correction of the errors I committed in former paper — by not properly deciphering & collating your MSS.

I should like to print off the Enumeration soon — trusting that a further collection will come in time to be appended. and all distributed together.

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(You can leave out of Hooker, Brit. Museum, & Fielding such nos. as belong to plants they have already been supplied with. Then all will go right with the rest.)   I shall begin to study some families very soon — to get them ~~off~~ off my hands. —

As to Cuscutineae for the Flora. give me by 1st December. a description of our species about as full as in other orders. — with synonymy, &c. —

Adopt Beyrich's C. arvensis. — Jussieu's C. compacta may take preference in that species.

I can hardly say whether it is proper to suppress the names Cephalanthi, Coryli, &c. —

I will go down to the Library this morning to copy what you want from R. & S. —

Durand tells me that none of Rafinesque's Cuscutae are in his herb. — I think his species must be used as doubtful synonyms. —

I have got Cucumis perennis up. mean to flower it in green-house this winter. &c. —

In much haste — Yours ever —

A. Gray

Rutaceous genus nice —
other nice things — will dip into them soon. —

Recd by Dr Gray Dec 19th

New York Dec 3. 1846

Dear Sir

We send you by Adams Express to day a box and bundle containing parcels per Barque Howard and other sundries also Ten setts Geyers Plants which are all we have left on hand, *a part of the lot was sent to London from which we have had no returns as yet, Dr Engelmann never informed us the price we were to pay him for those sold, so that we cannot well make up an a/c of sales, (The bill of charges &c Mr Grant will enclose)

Prof A Gray

Respy Wiley & Putnam
by Geo A White

* Is this true? How many sets were there at first?
Is [illegible] not this 10 sets all that is left.
A.G.

Recd. Dec 19
Ans. Dec 23 1846

Dear Doctor

The 10 sets left of the Geyer Illinois Plants has just been sent me from N.Y. — with the note which I enclose —

I have offered one to Prof. Bearden; another to Mr. Olney — I think they will take them.

I think Mr. Lowell will take another for Tommasini of Trieste. I will take two, to give to foreign Correspondents. — I think, now I have them in my hands, I shall find purchasers for the rest. If not will send them to Hooker — presently, if you still say so.

Received yesterday a small package of seeds for Hooker & myself — I will forward them by next steamer.

As soon as Agassiz leaves with
me some small parcels he
has for you, I will enclose, with
some things I have — namely a
copy of my Chloris Bor.-Am.,
10 plates 4to. — a duplicate of
Meisner's Polygonum Prodromus.
— some few plants to be returned to
you, etc. — and send the
parcel to Poppe & Co.—

I have been awfully busy
since my return from Philad.
with Agassiz. — am working up
Suppl. Compositæ — some good
new ones in Lindheimer's. 1845+46.
I meant to have finished all
before I wrote to you. — but must
not wait longer. — So I send
you herewith my determinations

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as far as they go. —

Shall secure the new gen. &c. — by publishing brief characters in our names in the Proceedings of Amer. Academy, soon. —

— I have read the proofs of the Isoetes & Marsilea-paper in Sill. Journ. for Jany. 1st. —

I forgot at the time in my haste — to collate with Marsilea polycarpa — which I find is in Le. Fil. 2. t. 160. — from Demarara — must be different from yours quite.

The "Mountain gorges" north of St. Fé must be rich. —

Hooker says that at the mountains beyond St. Fe must be the richest in new things of all N. America.

I have not the Mem. Mus. at hand to see about the Echinodorus, Rich. — will hereafter.

I got no flowers of bassia vespertilionis. — Carter lost them in transplanting this fall.

I will wait now a little until I dispose of the rest of the Geyer parcels — before I remit to you —

Write a note to W. & Putnam enclosed to me giving the information the clerk says he wants, — and I will close up all that affair. & thereafter we will keep all such matters in our own hands.

I send you the determinations of Texan plants as they are. — You arrange them as you please for final distribution — I should much prefer — with you, to make ~~A Gray~~ all one series — (Coll. 1845-46), numbering on from the last published. I will try to do the studying out — pretty fast. — Has not the summer collection of Lindheimer come yet. when it does let me have any new Compositae it contains, at once.

Publish all your new things from St. Louis &c. in notes, to be sure. —

When you send MSS. only write on one side of the paper.

I am hardly competent to advise you as to *Cuscuta* names. — I think if you choose you can drop the names like *C. cephalanthi* as "nomina falsa".

Excuse haste — and the delay in writing. I am much crowded, and my enlarging correspondence tasks me severely.

Ever Yours

A. Gray

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Dr. Engelmann

Cambridge – 23rd December

My Dear Doctor

Yours beginning the 29 Nov. yesterday received. The Solidago is not *S. pulverulenta*. It seems much nearer to S. bicolor. When I get a specimen from you, I will see what is to be made of it.

P.S. Agassiz is greatly beloved and admired here. He will be at St. Louis next summer, via L. Superior.

A. Gr.

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